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Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fourth session

Draft report

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I. Introduction

Opening and duration of the session

1. In accordance with paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 55/213, the fourth session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development was held in New York from 14 to 25 January 2002. The Committee held __ meetings (1st to __), as well as a number of informal meetings.

II. Organizational matters

A. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

2. The agenda for the fourth session of the Committee was as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
2. Review of the inputs to the substantive preparatory process and the International Conference on Financing for Development.
3. Finalization of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development.
4. Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the Conference.
5. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fourth session.

3. At its 1st meeting, on 14 January, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda for its fourth session (A/AC.257/31).

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4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted its organization of work for the session, as orally corrected (A/AC.257/L.10).

B. Attendance

5. Representatives of the following States attended the session: Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

6. The following United Nations offices and organs were represented: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Children's Fund, World Food Programme, United Nations Development Fund for Women, United Nations Human Settlements Programme and Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS.

7. The following specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system were represented: International Labour Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, World Health Organization, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, International Fund for Agricultural Development, World Intellectual Property Organization and World Trade Organization.

8. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented: African Development Bank, African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States, Caribbean Community, Common Fund for Commodities, Commonwealth Secretariat, Inter-American Development Bank, International Organization of la Francophonie, World Conservation Union, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Organization of African Unity, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and Sovereign Military Order of Malta.

9. The following non-governmental organizations in general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council were represented: The International Chamber of Commerce [to be completed].

10. The following non-governmental organizations accredited to the preparatory process and the Conference were represented: [to be completed].

C. Themes for the ministerial round tables

11. At its 1st meeting, on 14 January, the Committee decided to approve the following two themes for the ministerial round tables as recommended by its Bureau: "Partnerships in financing development" and "Coherence for development" (see A/AC.257/33, para. 3).

D. Accreditation of intergovernmental organizations

12. At its 1st meeting, on 14 January, the Committee decided to accredit to the substantive preparatory process and the Conference the following intergovernmental organizations, as recommended by its Bureau (see A/AC.257/33, para. 8): Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Islamic Development Bank, Inter-Parliamentary Union, Ramsar, and OPEC Fund for International Development.

E. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations

13. At its 1st meeting, on 14 January, the Committee decided to accredit to the substantive preparatory process and the Conference the additional non-governmental organizations recommended by its Bureau (see A/AC.257/10/Add.5).

F. Accreditation of business entities/organizations

14. At its 1st meeting, on 14 January, the Committee decided to accredit to the substantive preparatory process and the Conference the following business entities/organizations recommended by its Bureau (see A/AC.257/30/Add.1): Business Council for the United Nations, Eurorient, Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau and Global Champions.

G. Documentation

15. The list of documents before the Committee at its fourth session is contained in the annex.

II. High-level inaugural segment

16. At the 1st meeting, on 14 January, the Co-Chairman, Shamshad Ahmad (Pakistan), made a statement.

17. At the same meeting, the Secretary-General of the United Nations addressed the Committee.

18. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by Trevor Manuel, Minister of Finance of South Africa and Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Conference; Eveline Herfkens, Minister for Development Cooperation of the Netherlands; Gun-Britt Andersson, Secretary of State for Development Cooperation of Sweden; and Miguel Hakim, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs for Economics and Cooperation of Mexico.

19. At the same meeting, statements were made by the Deputy Director-General of the World Trade Organization, the Vice-President of the World Bank and a representative of the International Monetary Fund.

20. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of Argentina.

21. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme.

22. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the Secretary-General of the International Chamber of Commerce and the Executive Director of the Third World Institute (a non-governmental organization).

III. Review of the inputs to the substantive preparatory process and the Conference

23. The Committee considered agenda item 2 at its 2nd meeting on 14 January. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretariat concerning the Ministerial Declaration of the Fourth Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organizations (A/AC.257/34);

(b) Letter dated 19 November 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.2/56/7);

(c) Letter dated 10 January 2002 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/AC.257/35);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting technical notes on Conference-related issues (A/AC.257/27 and Add.1-10);

(e) Report of the interregional meeting on financing for development organized by the regional commissions (Mexico, 14 and 15 January) (A/AC.257/CRP.2).

24. At the 2nd meeting, the Co-Chairman, Shamshad Ahmad (Pakistan), made a statement.

25. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the Sudan.

26. No proposals were submitted and no action was taken under this item.

IV. Finalization of the outcome of the Conference

27. The Committee considered agenda item 3 at its 2nd to 4th and _____ meetings, on 14, 15 and ____ January 2002. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Revised draft outcome prepared by the Facilitator (A/AC.257/32);

(b) Comments on the Facilitator's revised draft and specific proposals for the International Conference on Financing for Development made by the following business entities: International Chamber of Commerce, Business Council for the United Nations, Money Matters Institute, Renaissance Strategy, Samuels Associates, World Economic Forum (A/AC.257/CRP.1).

28. At the 2nd meeting on 14 January, the Facilitator, Mauricio Escanero (Mexico), introduced the revised draft outcome contained in document A/AC.257/32.

29. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Venezuela (on behalf of the States Members of the Group of 77 and China), Spain (on behalf of the States Members of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European States associated with the Union (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia), other associated States (Cyprus, Malta and Turkey), the United States of America, Bangladesh (on behalf of the least developed countries), Japan, Mongolia (on behalf of the landlocked developing countries), Bulgaria, Honduras, Jordan, the Holy See, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Algeria and Poland.

30. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women.

31. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the International Labour Organization and the International Trade Centre.

32. Also at the same meeting, a statement was made by the observer of the United Towns Organization, a non-governmental organization, speaking on behalf of the World Association of Cities and Local Authorities.

33. At the 3rd meeting, on 15 January, a statement was made by the Deputy Secretary-General of OECD.

34. At the 4th meeting, on 17 January, David Aptsiauri, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, addressed the Committee.

35. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the Executive Secretary of ECLAC.

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V. Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the Conference

[To be completed]

VI. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fourth session

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Annex

List of documents before the Committee at its fourth session

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